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SENATOR GOODRICH: I would presume so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then as far as the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants are concerned, if you can get through the obstacle course of their four-part.... How many parts are there in the examination?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Five.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, Senator Goodrich, now the exam is given in five one-half day sections, but how many parts are there?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Five parts. Two practice, one auditing, one theory and one law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Goodrich, let me see something. The examination consists of four parts, but takes five half-days because accounting practice consumes two afternoons. In addition to accounting practice the examination subjects are auditing, accounting theory and business law. So there are four subjects, but there are five days because one of the subjects consumes two days.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Two and a half days, not five days.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: OK, five. Senator Goodrich, here's what I want to get to now, do you think that a person can pass a majority of the parts in this examination and be granted a CPA certificate?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, he must pass all five.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Alright. Now if you take the exam this time and pass four, will the passing of those four parts stand in lieu of experience in a CPA's office, do you know?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, you have to come back and take the fifth part, the one that you flunked, over again at a later date.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now when you pass these four parts to the exam successfully, what more would the American Institute of CPA's require of you before you can be certified? What do they require of you in terms of training, education, or whatnot?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Nothing but.... Wait a minute. Nothing, nothing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: OK.

SENATOR GOODRICH: They give you your certificate immediately then.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now where is the additional requirement imposed? Is it by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or at the state level?